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AGENDA ITEM 4a

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

I. SUBJECT: Blue Shield of California – Knee and Hip Replacement Proposal

II. PROGRAM: Health Benefits

III. RECOMMENDATION: Information Only

IV. BACKGROUND:

Blue Shield of California has prepared a proposal for use of preferred knee and hip replacement centers to provide CalPERS Blue Shield members with high quality, cost-effective providers statewide for the 2012 benefit year. The facilities are Blue Distinction Centers within the Blue Shield Network of hospitals.

V. ANALYSIS:

Building upon the existing Value Based Purchasing programs, this proposal will expand the existing program for members of Blue Shield. Mr. Thomas McCaffrey from Blue Shield will present the proposal to the Health Benefits Committee.

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN:

This directly relates to Strategic Goal XII: Engage and influence the healthcare marketplace to provide medical care that optimizes quality, access, and cost.

VII. RESULTS/COSTS:

This is an information item only.

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Attachment